



# The Torch

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- AE Careers

## From the Cadet Commander



Congratulations everyone, yet another day under your belt. I am pleased with the amount of improvement that everyone has made in just a few days. Everyone is coming together well as a team. I have also noticed that the discipline is increasing as you gain a better understanding of what is expected of you as a cadet. I know that at this point it may feel that this week will never end, but don't wish the time away. Many cadets speak of their basic encampments well into the rest of their CAP careers. This is not because it was easy, instead it was quite challenging and changed them as people and shaped them to become the leaders they are

today. The skills you learn here at this encampment can be applied to any area of your life and make you a better person. The first few days are the hardest, meeting new people, following commands constantly, being away from home, the list goes on and on. It has been my experience in the five encampments that I have been to that the second and third day are always the hardest; after that encampment becomes the memorable experience people always talk about. I encourage you to stick it through and keep an open mind. If you need someone to talk to, the chaplain is always available as well as your flight TAC officer. Have a wonderful day!

C/Lt Col Mitch Edwards, CAP Cadet Commander



**Alpha flight, the human knot, untie themselves.**



**The executive staff retires the colors at closing formation.**

## Staff Spotlight

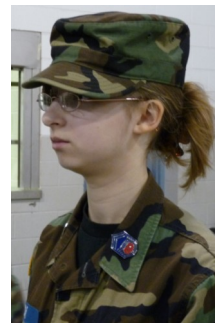
Can you imagine tidying up after take their time or the lines move about 100 cadets and senior slowly, Alcorn and the rest of the members blow through the chow staff end up having less time. line? What about preparing "We'd really appreciate it if lines enough food for all of them? moved faster so we can eat The culinary facility staff bakes, sooner," Alcorn says. serves, and cleans up after the whole encampment.

Cadet Senior Airman Alcorn says have been standing, or when the it can require quite a lot of effort. line is going to move; instead, However, there is often little think of the work that is put into thanks and/or appreciation for providing breakfast, lunch and this job. Many times cadets dinner, and remember the hard forget to greet him respectfully, working culinary facility staff. and thank him for serving them Also remember to thank them food. The kitchen staff also eats enthusiastically. They volunteered to serve you. Unfortunately, when cadets

Next time you go through the line, don't think of how long you line is going to move; instead, think of the work that is put into providing breakfast, lunch and dinner, and remember the hard working culinary facility staff. Also remember to thank them enthusiastically. They volunteered to serve you.

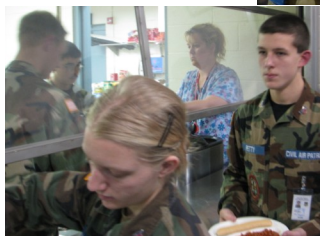
## The Basic Cadet Perspective

**C/CMSgt Eaton stands in formation.**



C/CMSgt Muriel Eaton, of Charlie Flight, Second Squadron, is looking forward to the Cosmosphere trip, and greatly enjoyed being at the rifle range. She would like to congratulate the squadron one commander for doing a fantastic job, and the staff for putting together a wonderful and highly eventful encampment for the basics.

**The kitchen staff works behind the scenes.**





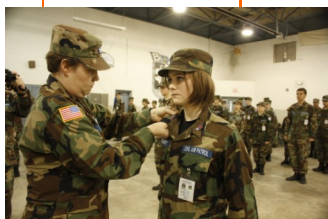
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**C/SSgt Roarty's Fun Suggestions:**

1. Hold an educational puppet show for an AE class
2. Encampment/CAP Rap—make a video
3. "Nerf" war for gun safety
4. Rip glasses off and say something epic!



**C/Roarty receives her promotion.**

**C/Capt Temaat helps a cadet at inspection.**

## Day 3—The Learning Continues

By the PAO Staff

Monday morning started just like every morning at encampment. At opening formation, Delta Flight was named Honor Flight. Formation was concluded with the yellow Honor streamer being attached to Delta's Guidon.

Following morning PT and breakfast, the Cadets attended two classes on the U.S. Air Force. Combat and Commands was conducted by Capt Mark Lahan.

"Your clothes, your I-pods, your X-box... How do you think it gets here? It's gets here because SATCOM works to protect the internet every single day from hostile attacks," said Lahan. Lahan went on to explain that the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Army and Air Force, are constructed of Joint Commands which work together to defend the country.

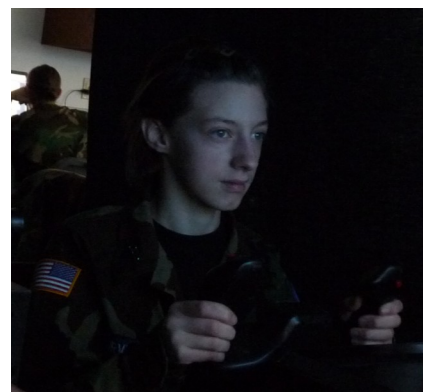
The second class was over the Air Force Core Values and was taught by USAF Lt Col Scott Harvey. He explained the purpose of customs and courtesies. Harvey also explained

how training helps to keep one's unit in top condition with knowledge and innovation. It is important that when a unit or cadet is called upon that he/she is prepared to complete a job to the best of their ability.

Later, the cadets completed the stations they did not do on Sunday. Many more cadets faced C/Lt Col Edwards' challenge to conduct an emergency landing while at the flight simulator station, and still more cadets qualified at the rifle range. During Team Building C/1 Lt Doubrava had the cadets learn hands-on the importance of communication and trust through the following activities: the human knot, the floating pole, and the mine field. These three activities were to reinforce that communication is vital to function as a team. Following these activities C/Capt Murphy led a class on goal setting. He covered: the definition of a goal, the types of goals, how to place priorities on your goals, and goal traits. Goals should be specific, positive, measurable,

attainable, and achievable. C/Capt Murphy reminded us to stay positive. For instance, instead of saying "Don't forget your cover", the more positive "Remember your cover" could be said. He also led them through an example of breaking down your goal and told cadets to prioritize goals by their level of importance. The suggestion was made for each cadet to have his/her own calendar to write down goals. Later in the day it was time for inspection. Cadets quickly learned teamwork to prepare for this, and the inspection highlighted areas they need more work on. All this is an opportunity for cadets to improve.

Closing formation happened routinely except for the promotion of two cadets who are now C/CMSgt Eaton and C/SSgt Roarty. The Kansas Wing Commander, Col Regena Aye, pinned these cadets at the conclusion of closing formation. It is a high honor to be promoted by the wing commander, and like most promotions, we hope it happens more often.



**C/Irving flying at the Flight Sim. station Monday afternoon.**